

**LAND BOARD AGENDA ITEM**  
**September 18, 2006**  
**PROJECT MANAGEMENT LIST – INFORMATION**

**BACKGROUND**

The *Real Estate Management Plan Record of Decision* (ROD) was approved in July 2005. The ROD provides the Trust Lands Management Division (TLMD) with consistent policy, direction, and guidance in the selection and implementation of management activities (residential, commercial, industrial, and conservation) on state Trust Lands. On August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Land Office staff presented proposed projects to the project identification team. The team subsequently created the list of approved projects.

**RECORD OF DECISION**

In selecting these management activities, the Department has adhered to the ROD. This is a comprehensive process that includes the public, local units of government, DNRC Land Offices, and the TLMD. This process can be briefly summarized by the following categories which are all a component of the project selection process:

**Goals:** The projects meet the criteria listed in Goal A: Share in Expected Community Growth by attempting to capture a market share of land that will accommodate Montana's population growth; Goal B: Plan Proactively by cooperating with local communities and locating projects in designated growth areas and strategic rural areas; and Goal C: Increase Revenue for Trust Beneficiaries by selecting properties that will generate the greatest amount of revenue per acre.

**Community Input:** In January 2006, staff conducted public meeting around the State to gather opinions and ideas of what could be done on state Trust Lands.

**Evaluations:** All of the projects successfully passed through the required funnel filter process. This process included several filter analyses and has a main purpose of identifying lands that are both physically possible and legally permissible for consideration under the Plan.

**NEXT STEP IN PROCESS**

The project list will be available in the Helena DNRC office, DNRC land offices, and will also be available on the DNRC website.